

Please help us keep costs (tipping fees) down and enable us to better serve you by following these procedures:

Do not put the following organic matter into Toters:

- Grass clippings-**must** be bagged in compostable paper bags (avail. at local retailers) **OR** better yet... Leave your grass clippings on the lawn ensuring that important nutrients are returned to the soil.
- Dirt/ Sod
- Leaves
- Brush

Please keep brush piles separated from the following:

- Leaves
- Cardboard
- Trash

Brush limbs may be a max. of 4-5' in length and stacked neatly at the curb.

- We only accept brush cut by the homeowner.
- If a tree service cut the brush, they must also remove the brush as part of their service to you.

Remember to always use the 3 Rs!!!

Reduce: "Can I use less of this?"

- Purchase products with minimum packaging.
- Buy in bulk.
- Use cloth bags for groceries.

Reuse: "Can I use what I already have?"

- Rechargeable batteries are great.
- Share/donate books, magazines, and clothing.
 - Check out www.freecycle.org or www.paperbackswap.com
- Use both sides of paper for draft documents or scratch.

Recycle: Before you buy, consider if item/package is recyclable.

Use your blue bin (no sorting needed)

- Plastics marked #1-7
- Plastic grocery bags (shouldn't have many-since you use reusable bags – right?)
 - Google **Great Pacific Garbage Patch** to see what happens to plastic that doesn't make it to the recycle bin.
- Glass bottles/jars with labels –clean
- All mixed paper-mags/phone books, newspapers/inserts, etc.
- Small Cardboard – cereal boxes, food boxes, etc.
- Aluminum, steel, tin, etc.
- Heavy cardboard/boxes –please break down and set *next* to bin.

Not sure if it's recyclable –toss it in bin and we'll sort it!

- Start a compost bin and reap the organic benefits for your garden!
 - Coffee grounds and egg shells make great composting material!

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